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Karl Dehn was recently appointed as the President & CEO of Battle Creek Unlimited – Battle Creek’s economic development organization – after serving as the organization’s Marketing Director for nearly 12 years. Mr. Dehn has extensive experience in the areas of business retention and expansion assistance, domestic and international business attraction, and development of Fort Custer Industrial Park, W.K. Kellogg Airport and the Battle Creek Aviation & e-Learning Smartzone™. He also served as the staff administrator of the City of Battle Creek’s Tax Increment Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Local Development Finance Authority.

During Mr. Dehn's tenure with Battle Creek Unlimited, he has lead efforts to successfully attract 26 new companies and 88 expansion projects. During his economic development career spanning 12 years in Battle Creek and five years previously in the City of South Haven, Michigan, he has secured and administered ten successful economic development grant and loan projects, funded through state and federal sources, totaling over \$5.8 million for infrastructure and public facilities necessary for private development projects.

Mr. Dehn holds a B.S. in Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Management from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is a certified Economic Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council. His community leadership positions include: Board President of the Legacy Scholars program, Battle Creek Health Systems Community Partners Board of Directors, Vice President of the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation and Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, Inc. Mr. Dehn is also a member of the Battle Creek Chapter of the American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) and its Board of Directors. In 2004, Mr. Dehn was recognized by Business Direct Weekly (now West Michigan Business Review) as one of West Michigan’s Top Business Leaders Under 40. Mr. Dehn and his family reside in the City of Battle Creek.